

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 16 and 32-44 have been objected to because of a lack of antecedent basis in claim 16. Claim 16 has been appropriately amended. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Japan (171324) in view of Bauer and Jakoubovich. Claims 15-17 and 23-27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the references applied to claim 1, and further in view of Wiezorek and Haun. Claims 2-4, 6-14, 18-20, and 20-30 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten into independent form.

Accordingly, claim 1 has been cancelled, and claim 2 has been amended into independent form. Claim 10 has been amended into independent form. Claim 15 has been amended into independent form and the features of claim 18 have been added into claim 15. Claim 18 has been cancelled. Claims 19-21 have been amended to depend from claim 15.

In view of the amendments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

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